# Oral Communication/Public Speaking Exit Competencies February 4, 2008

#### I. Invention

- a. Discovery & evaluation of appropriate arguments
- b. Audience analysis
- c. Purpose
  - i. Informing
  - ii. Persuading
  - iii. Entertaining
  - iv. Motivational

## II. Organization

- a. Intro
- b. Body
- c. Conclusion
- d. Patterns of organization
- e. Structuring information
  - i. Levels of abstraction
  - ii. Parallel ideas
- f. Developing argument w/ support
- III. Word choice, diction, delivery,

#### IV. Delivery Language

- a. Demonstrate an increased personal confidence and ability to manage communication apprehension
- b. Verbal
- c. Non-verbal components
- d. Articulation, vocal variety, rate, pitch, tone, enthusiasm,
- e. Appropriate speaking persona,
- f. Credibility, confidence, managing apprehension
- g. Tie into listening
- h. Critique of speaking persona

### V. Listening

- a. Critical thinking/comprehension
- b. Attend with open mind
- c. Distinguishing logical and emotional appeals
- d. Recall
- e. Evaluation

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#### VI. Communication Ethics (Ethical speaking & Listening)

- a. Responsible communication
- b. Responsible research
- c. Integrity of information given
- d. Responsible use of emotional appeals
- VII. Role of public speaking in citizenry